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SUBJECT: WTR TRAWLER

1. THE TRAWLER MAY BE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STRATEGIC ACTIVITY AT WTR (E.G., IS BEING USED AS QUOTE NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS (NTE), BUT IT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO MONITOR SATELLITE LAUNCHES SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST WTR TRAWLER SINCE SALT 1

U.S. REACTION WILL ESTABLISH THE PRECEDENT.
2. HARASSMENT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION SINCE THE SOVIETS TRADITIONALLY HAVE USED TRAWLERS AS NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. WITH OUR OWN LEGITIMATE CONCERN, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED AND PRUDENT TO

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VERY CLOSELY MONITOR THE TRAWLER DURING A PERIOD AROUND LAUNCH TIME. THE AIMS WOULD BE (1) TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY SIGNALS FROM THE TRAWLER ARE COLLECTED AND (2)

THIS OVERT SHOW OF CONCERN AND DISPLEASURE IS THE PRECEDENT WE SHOULD ESTABLISH. THE MONITORING FORCE SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF ENOUGH ELINT AIRCRAFT, SUPPLEMENTED BY SHIPS IF NECESSARY TO PRECLUDE UNDETECTED SIGNALS DURING THE TIME OF INTEREST.
3. THE PRECLUDING REASONING AND APPROACH WERE DISCUSSED WITH GEN ALLEN AND HE CONCURS.
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